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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

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FOR GARRISON FROM SHINN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. IT MAY NOT BE TOO EARLY TO START LINING UP CANDIDATES
TO REPLACE GREENBERG AND SKOUG. IF THE AMBASSADOR HAS NOT
FIXED ON WHOM HE WANTS, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO CHECK THE
FIELD OF VETERANS AND SEND SOME NAMES FOR CONSIDERATION.
NEXT WEEK WE BEGIN PUTTING TOGETHER A NEW COMPUTER PROGRAM
BASED ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES AND WILL BE FOCUSED ON
THE DATA.

2. REF MOSCOW 17398, YOU HAVE NOW RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS
(STATE 198204) ON PURSUING INVITATION TO MINISTER OF
RAILWAYS PAVLOVSKIY. ORIGINAL LETTER SHOULD BE HELD
PENDING INSTRUCTIONS ON DISPOSITION. FYI SOVIET EMBASSY
AND THE SCST HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED COPIES OF
ORIGINAL LETTER OF INVITATION.
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3. WHILE BEING ESCORTED OUT OF THE BUILDING AFTER A RECENT
MEETING, VASEV MENTIONED THE CONSULAR REVIEW TO LEN
WILLIAMS AND SAID THE SOVIET EMBASSY IS INTERESTED IN RE-
SUMING THE TALKS HERE IN WASHINGTON. WILLEMS WAS RECEPTIVE
TO THE IDEA, BUT OF COURSE MADE NO COMMITMENT. WE DO NOT
BELIEVE WE SHOULD FOLLOW UP ON THE IDEA AT THIS TIME, BUT

WOULD WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS. CHRISTOPHER

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